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Welcome to the 7th Issue of edConnectNOW. This will be the last issue of the year. There will be a newsletter hiatus until the second week of January. With that, we wanted to provide you a "Help" issue, in case you have issues with edConnect over the break or if you want to explore certain features, you will know where to locate the materials that will walk you through them. Also, in late January, we will be promoting edConnect at Techspo and looking for success stories, challenges of implementation and best practices so we can inform current and future districts. Enjoy the holidays with your families and friends and we'll talk to you in the New Year!

Clicks, Tips, and Tricks
How to make edConnect more efficient, organized, and fun!

Powersource Training

URL: https://powersource.pearsonschoolsystems.com/

Access: If not registered, go to the "Powersource: On Demand Training tab on the google training site reference in the column to the right and click on the "Powersource self registration links.xlsx" This will pull up your district-specific registration. You will need to use your school email address for registration.

Self-Registration Links

In order to support you in finding materials and videos on this site, we created an edConnect syllabus that organizes the site's materials for you. This syllabus will guide you to the specific videos call "mastery in minutes" quickly and materials to further support your work in assessment reporting, lesson planning, and much more.

edConnect Powersource Syllabus

TECHSPO 2014: Calling all edConnect User Stories

On January 30 and 31, 2015, the NJDOE in conjunction with Pearson will be presenting edConnectNJ to new districts that are looking for an integrated solution for their districts. We will be reaching out individually for panel members who will be speaking about the challenges, successes, and learning they have in implementing edConnect. Please send a quick sentence or two about your experience with edConnect to edConnectNJ@doe.state.nj.us to help promote edConnect, and indicate whether you are interested in being part of the panel.

Featured Feature: Training Document Site

URL: https://sites.google.com/site/edconnectnj/home

Access: Free to anyone with URL above

This site contains many different types of training materials - not just for initial training of a group of educators on the basics of the system, but simplified one-to-two page documents that provide step-by-step instructions on specific features of edConnect.

The site is designed in a tab format. Each module has between 10-20 "quick reference cards" which allow you to explore a feature with the step-by-step guidance and screen shots to match. This is the best way to understand or refresh your memory on how features work and how to access them. The homepage list has the most frequently asked for quick reference cards.

As you move into the New Year and many districts begin thinking about refresher training courses, training new staff, exploring new content at the district level and scaling to more schools and grades the "Turn Key Materials" tab (https://sites.google.com/site/edconnectnj/turn-key-materials) is the place that will provide you with the most practical materials. These are designed for you to take right into a training and present to any level of staff. When reviewing the list, you will see "building capacity trainings which can be used for basic overall system training. You will also view sessions for more specific functions, such as for a district curriculum manager who will be entering assessments and curriculum scopes and sequences.

Please feel free to download any of the materials you find on this site, tweak them for you and your staff and use them to inform your engagement with edConnect. These are designed for you.

Did You Know?
Insights to make better edConnections

Did you know that every district has an edConnect administration team dedicated to supporting the successful implementation of edConnect? Teams consist of at least four members, a program lead, a technical lead, a professional development coordinator and a field manager.

To have access to these contacts click below:

edConnect District Team Contacts

HELP DESK INFORMATION

If at any time between 6am-9pm you need technical assistance, there is a help desk ready to take your call. Please reach out to them with any system issues or to help refresh your memory on a specific feature.

Forgot your edConnectNJ username or password? Click here

Need Help? 1-866-434-6276, Choose Option 1 for Tech Support, then Press 2 for Schoolnet OR Email schoolnetsupport@pearson.com